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ENP015Q118077 2/H3/VCK/R70-67 SUPPLEMENT NUMBER ONE PROBABLE DRV SAM REACTION TO SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORT.

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ANALYSIS OF DRV SAM ASSOCIATED MULTICHANNEL COMMS, INTERCEPTED BETWEEN 16/2340Z AND 17/0101Z, JUL 67, HAS REVEALED AN UNIDENTIFIED SITE REPORTING A MISSILE LAUNCH AND SUBSEQUENT SHOOTDOWN OF A HOSTILE SEARCH AND RECOVERY AIRCRAFT. AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER AT SAM AIR DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS, IN COMMS WITH THE LAUNCH SITE AND A SECOND SITE (POSSIBLY LOCATED AT 21-04N 105-39E), INSTRUCTED THE LAUNCH SITE TO STRIKE AT A HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. AT 0008Z, 17 JULY 67, A SPEAKER AT THE SITE REPORTED THAT HE HAD OBSERVED A HELICOPTER PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH A SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORT) LANDING IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL AIRCRAFT FLYING CO-VER FOR IT. AT 0015Z THE SAME SPEAKER STATED THAT THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WERE CIRCLING, AND AT 0015:35Z REPORTED QUOTE RANGE 10.9NM, FIRE UNQUOTE. HE THEN ADDED THAT THE TARGET QUOTE CAUGHT FIRE RATHER PRETTILY UNQUOTE. THE LAUNCH WAS AUDIBLE THROUGH OPEN MICROPHONE CONDITIONS AT 0015:37Z. THE SPEAKER AT SAM AIR DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS HAD INSTRUCTED THE SECOND SITE TO FOLLOW THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, BUT NOT TO LAUNCH UNLESS THE HELICOPTER CLIMBED HIGH ENOUGH TO PRESENT AN ACCURATE TARGET. A SPEAKER AT THE SECOND SITE LATER MENTIONED THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD COME TO HELP A PILOT WHO HAD BAILED OUT THE DAY BEFORE. A SUBSEQUENT POST LAUNCH REPORT REVEALED THAT THE MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED AT A SITE TO TARGET SLANT RANGE OF 9.2NM, AND A SITE TO TARGET AZIMUTH OF 200 DEGREES. EX-PLACING AT A RANGE OF 7.6NM AND AN AZIMUTH OF 190 DEGREES. THE SPEAKER AT THE LAUNCH SITE THEN STATED THAT THE MISSILE EXPLODED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TARGET, BUT NOT VERY CLOSE TO IT, AS THEY WERE NOT LOCKED ON TO THE TARGET. CONVERSATION REVEALED THAT, APPARENTLY, THE AAA BATTERY SHOT DOWN THE AIRCRAFT, AND THAT A PARACHUTE WAS OBSERVED WHEN THE AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAMES. THE SAME SPEAKER AT THE LAUNCH SITE LATER REPORTED THAT THERE WERE DRV AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA (PROBABLY IN REACTION TO THE SEARCH AND RECOVERY AIRCRAFT). COMMENT: COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORT NO U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES FOR DATE TIME FRAME. XXHH 000 NIINNH

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